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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2008, that closes prosecution under the practice established by *Ex parte Quayle*, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.